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## About the Author

Elze Gooitzen Ufkes was born in Assen, the Netherlands, on a typical Dutch winter day on January 16, 1983. After completing his secondary education in 2001 (based on a physics thesis titled: "Ball in Column"), he moved to the beautiful city of Groningen to pursue his bachelor's and master's degree in psychology at the



University of Groningen. During the first years he discovered how beautiful Groningen exactly was and, to this date more importantly, his interest and enthusiasm for Social and Organizational psychology. It was also during this period that he acquired his first academic position as an assistant of Karen van Oudenhoven-van der Zee, doing research and teaching on the subject of cultural diversity in organizations. His interest in group processes, combined with his personal interest to experience new cultures, motivated him to leave Groningen in the final year of his study to visit Paul Paulus at the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA), the United States of America. At UTA he conducted research for his graduation thesis, titled: "Ethnic Diversity in Relation to the Evaluation of Small Groups". After returning to Groningen Elze started on a Ph.D. project at the Institute for Integration and Social Efficacy at the University of Groningen with Sabine Otten, Karen van Oudenhoven-van der Zee, and Ellen Giebels as his advisors. This project resulted in the current dissertation: "Neighbor-to-Neighbor Conflicts in Multicultural Neighborhoods". As from January 2011, Elze will work as a postdoctoral associate at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut, the United States of America. His research interests include intergroup relations, (intergroup) conflict, and cultural differences.

